

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gregory B. Venema ) Examiner: Janell Combs Morillo  
Serial No.: 10/706,846 ) Group Art Unit: 1742  
Confirmation No.: 6084 ) Atty. Docket No.: 03-1257  
Filed: November 12, 2003 )  
For : Method of Manufacturing Near-Net Shaped  
Alloy Product

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

November 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated September 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered as record in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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